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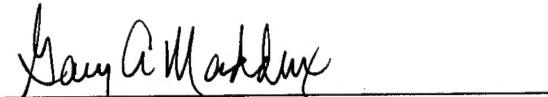
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1.0 Introduction

The Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center recently conducted a preliminary investigation of manufacturing technology issues related to Detection, Discrimination and Classification of Targets in Clutter. These new technologies can lead to applications that will significantly improve the performance of missile and other DoD weapon systems.

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2.0 Objective

The purpose of this research task was to review research progress in automatic target recognition, non-cooperative target recognition, and battlefield combat identification, for potential technology insertion in current tactical and strategic weapons as well as for new systems. UAH conducted research to identify and categorize emerging technologies based on the potential for DoD weapons applications and manufacturing technology maturity.

3.0 Statement of Work

The statement of work, as outlined in delivery order 111, was as follows:

UAH shall provide the personnel, resources, expertise and materials required to perform the following efforts:

- 3.1 UAH shall conduct research to identify and categorize emerging technologies based on the potential for DoD weapons applications and manufacturing technology maturity.
- 3.2 UAH shall perform analysis on the emerging technologies and testing processes to support targeting systems. Literature searches and evaluation of previous DoD research efforts shall be performed.
- 3.3 The Government will host a DoD workshop, 13-14 Nov. 96, at the Sparkman Center Auditorium, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama to facilitate technical information exchange. UAH shall participate in the selection process of the topics to be presented.

4.0 Description of Workshop

The work performed on this task led directly to the Workshop on Automatic Target Recognition, which was held at the Sparkman Center Auditorium on 13-14 November 1996. The objective of this workshop was to review the progress of these technologies applicable to DoD weapon systems.

5.0 Conclusion and Recommendations

During the time frame allocated by the delivery order, members of the UAH Applied Research Program, with the cooperation of representatives from MICOM SEPD and Missile Guidance, performed an analysis and evaluation of conventional weapon automatic target recognition. Results of these efforts were presented at a locally held workshop. Detailed findings can be found in the proceedings of that workshop, which was compiled by UAH and delivered under separate cover.